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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human  
Services

Measure: HB5026

Please prioritize DD wages and support full funding of IDD services in HB 5026. I am asking that you not only protect your previous investment, but that you continue to help move this workforce out of crisis by supporting HB 2457 - it moves DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage.

DSP's provide a vital service that is exhausting, physical, and emotionally taxing. They at times have to deal with violence and emotional outbursts, which can have serious consequences. They deserve to be paid livable wages and should be paid more to provide a higher quality of life. They are the backbone of supported living and without them, the most vulnerable in our society do not have the ability to live their lives empowered.